# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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Debt on Discom
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to clear the mega debt of the state power distribution companies in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the bank balance sheet and loan restructuring plan, Discom-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bridge the gap of demand-supply of electricity and to provide support towards reform initiatives of the State discoms?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

(a) & (b) : The Government of India has launched Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for financial and operational turnaround of the State owned Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). Under the Scheme UDAY, the financial liabilities of the DISCOMs have been treated as contingent liabilities of the respective States. The details of the DISCOM wise outstanding debt against lending by Banks and Financial Institutions, as existing on 31.03.2015, are Annexed.

(c) : UDAY involves several measures to support reform initiatives of States and DISCOMs. These include Demand Side Management (DSM) measures, energy efficient LED bulbs, agricultural pumps, PAT (Perform, Achieve, Trade) Scheme, increased power supply in areas where Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses are reduced, measures to reduce cost of power generation, reduction of interest costs, faster completion of Transmission lines and exemption of debt-taken over from borrowing limits under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act.
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